



A MONTHLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
(Including Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Encino, Malibu, Hidden Hills, Lake Sherwood, Oak Park, Pacific Palisades, Port Hueneme, South Oxnard, Santa Monica, Tarzana, Topanga, Westlake Village, and Woodland Hills.)

## JULY 2005 EDITION

### 2005-06 Budget Agreement

On Monday, July 11, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the \$117.5 billion 2005-06 budget for the State of California. This is one of the earliest negotiated budgets in recent history. California, one of only three states in the entire U.S. to require a 2/3 vote to pass a budget, allows the minority party to have an unfair advantage in controlling the final outcome. As in any budget deal, there is good news and bad news.

#### First the good news . . .

- The budget passed close to "on time" so that state vendors, child care, community colleges, etc. receive the money they need on a timely basis.
- The budget contains no new borrowing and no new taxes.
- There was bipartisan support to fully fund Proposition 42 (gas tax revenues), with roughly \$1.3 billion going to roads and transportation projects.
- Democrats restored the Senior Citizen Property and Renters' Tax Credit and childcare funding.
- Democrats stopped the Governor's attempt to permanently shift the State Teachers Retirement System financial responsibility to schools.
- Democrats ensured that home health care workers did not see a rollback of their salaries to minimum wage. In counties like Ventura, negotiations with In-Home Health Services (IHHS) allowed for gradual increases of up to \$8.10/hour. The rollback would have forced Ventura County to make up the difference by using their own general funds, which could have created a domino effect, cutting off other essential programs or services. IHHS workers are the people used by the disabled, blind and elderly, and who are allowing people to stay in their homes for as long as possible.
- Appropriation of \$10 million for community colleges to expand nurse training programs on local campuses. Also appropriates \$560,000 to CSUs for development of entry-level masters degree programs in nursing.
- \$6.5 million to encourage a hydrogen-based transportation system -- the "Hydrogen Highway" program. Funds support fuel cell cars and two bus leases, and three hydrogen fueling stations.
- \$25 million to replace and retrofit diesel school buses.
- Cities were repaid vehicle license fee money "borrowed" from them to balance prior budgets earlier than expected.

#### Now the bad news . . .

- \$3 billion "borrowed" from education in a deal that the Governor made with the education coalition last year to be repaid this year, will not be repaid. We must continue to keep fighting to invest in education. Educating the workforce of tomorrow should be our highest priority.
- University of California and California State University students will see another 8% increase in their tuition. This is part of a deal agreed to last year between the Governor and college administrators.
- \$250 million in funding for schools to pay for mandated state programs was cut.

- CalWorks recipients will receive no COLAs for two years. CalWorks is a cost-effective program of incentives for lower income people who are working and going to school to help with childcare, etc.
- California's governors have the authority to "blue pencil" items out of the budget passed by the legislature. It is important to note that only 1.5% of General Funds go to environmental programs, but 21% of the Governor's cuts affected this area. Here is some of what Governor Schwarzenegger cut from this budget:
  - An additional \$20 million from Parks and Recreation, including deferred maintenance.
  - Additional funding for the California Coastal Commission to provide staff to review LNG and Federal offshore oil drilling applications.
  - Money for salmon habitat restoration, fish hatcheries and Wild Heritage Trout.
  - \$10 million for Environmental Enhancement Mitigation grants to cities for landscaping, trails, etc.
  - Climate Action Registry augmentation.
  - Money for the Healthy Start Program for young children.
  - \$20 million from supplemental materials for English language learners
  - Approximately \$73 million of carryover funds for local assistance to school districts identified as in need of "program improvement" under the Federal "No Child Left Behind Act." The Governor did state his intention to reappropriate money through future legislation.
  - Reduction of local property tax backfill to community colleges.
  - \$37.4 million of the Governor's proposed Career Technology Education initiative for community colleges and K-12. Separate legislation will be introduced to implement the program.

Nevertheless, the budget passed was probably the best that was possible, given the political realities of the 2/3 vote requirement, which means that any seven Republicans can gridlock the budget approval indefinitely, and the impending November special election called by the Governor.

## Solar Energy Incentives for Low-Income Housing



California has a clear need to procure a steady supply of affordable and reliable electricity for lower-income housing units. Solar-generated electricity is uniquely suited to California's needs because it produces electricity during peak demand hours in summer afternoons when the sun is brightest and air conditioners are running at capacity. It also diversifies our energy portfolio.

Roughly 20,000 affordable housing units will be built every year in California, and investing in solar electricity generation for these units today is just a smart thing to do.

My bill, **AB 1383**, will establish a Low-Income Housing Development Revolving Loan Program to help finance solar energy systems in eligible low-income housing. In addition to helping to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels, solar energy generation has the potential to greatly reduce the cost of electricity for the low-income residents. The bill has passed out of the Assembly and is now headed for the Senate Appropriations Committee.

On June 17, I was pleased to join with Senator Kevin Murray and Global Green at a press event in South Central L.A. to celebrate the passage of his bill, **SB 1**, out of a key committee. SB 1, the "**Million Solar Roofs**" bill, would establish a long-term solar power program to build a million solar homes and businesses over ten years, including building half of all new homes with solar power by 2017. I'm very pleased to be a co-author of SB 1.

# New West Valley Trail Opens

Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (still commonly known by its former, and shorter, name Ahmanson Ranch) now has a new trailhead on the eastern side of the park. A trail dedication on July 3 formally opened this new trail linkage that will take people through the entire park east to west, connecting on the west to Cheesbro Canyon, and linking to trails that go far into the Simi Hills and beyond.

The trailhead is located at the western terminus of Victory Boulevard for easy access for San Fernando Valley residents. Hikers, cyclists and equestrians entering from the east will pass by the San Fernando Valley Spineflower preserve, and will have an entirely different perspective on these 3,000 pristine acres that were saved, thanks to the vision of the voters who passed the resource bonds that constituted the major funding for the purchase.



l-r: Councilman Dennis Zine, Assemblymember Fran Pavley, Supervisor Linda Parks, Mati Waiya, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

## November Special Election Measures Qualified

Eight initiatives have now been qualified by the Secretary of State for a special election on November 8. Propositions 74, 76 and 77 are sponsored by the Governor. Below are general summaries. For more detailed information, you should thoroughly read the ballot pamphlet or visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov).

- **Proposition 73** Would require notice to parents when a minor seeks an abortion unless there is a medical emergency or a judge waives the requirement.
- **Proposition 74** Would extend the probation period for new teachers from two to five years.
- **Proposition 75** Would require public employee unions to get annual written permission from members to use dues for campaign contributions.
- **Proposition 76** Would limit state spending and alter minimum school funding requirements and require the Governor to cut appropriations in certain circumstances. Also would impose prior year appropriations when there is a deadlock in the Legislature.
- **Proposition 77** Shifts authority from the Legislature to draw legislative and congressional districts and gives it to a panel of three retired judges.
- **Proposition 78** Voluntary prescription drug discounts.
- **Proposition 79** Prescription drug discounts for low-income residents
- **Proposition 80** Would require electricity providers to be regulated by the California PUC.



## Santa Monica Honored as a Sustainability Leader

The City of Santa Monica has shown great leadership for years in incorporating sustainable ways of doing business into their city policies. In June, Santa Monica was very deservedly recognized as one of the **top ten sustainable cities in the U.S.** during a ceremony at the U.N.'s World Environment Day in San Francisco. Mayor Pam O'Connor accepted the award for the city.

Santa Monica ranked first among all cities in green buildings per capita, tied for the number one ranking with San Francisco in solid waste diversion and recycling, and leads the nation in farmers markets per capita. The city was also singled out for excellent in energy and climate policy and innovation in pollution prevention and reducing urban runoff.

Warmest congratulations to Santa Monica on this distinguished achievement!



## ParkLINK Shuttle Offers Relaxing Trip Through Santa Monica Mountains

The National Park Service in partnership with other park agencies has just launched a wonderful shuttle service that will enable people to travel through the Santa Monica Mountains on a brand new air-conditioned shuttle bus. These low-emission clean-diesel shuttles will reduce vehicle trips in the mountains and help improve our air quality, and are fully accessible for wheelchairs, with room for backpacks, bikes, boogie boards, and picnic baskets. The shuttles will be in continuous services on a circular route that travels along Malibu Canyon Road to PCH to Kanan Dume and across Mulholland Highway back to Malibu Canyon, with multiple stops along the way.

Here's one great day you could spend using ParkLINK:

Get on the shuttle at Malibu Creek State Park and head down to PCH. Stop at the Malibu Lagoon and visit the historic Adamson House. Continue north on PCH to either the Corral Canyon or Solstice Canyon trailhead for a beautiful hike up the canyon. Head up to Zuma to relax on the beach. Take Kanan-Dume up to Mulholland and stop at the Peter Strauss Ranch for a final stroll or enjoy the western town at Paramount Ranch when you return to Malibu Creek State Park.

For more information and ParkLINK shuttle schedules, visit their website at [www.parklinkshuttle.com](http://www.parklinkshuttle.com).

## Liquefied Natural Gas – Urgent Action Needed

It is the policy of this state to meet California's energy growth by optimizing energy conservation and resource efficiency and by reducing per capita demand to ensure a clean, safe, and reliable supply of energy for California. This means being sensitive to the impact of the state's energy policy on global climate change and environmental impacts in host countries that export natural gas. Laws and regulations enacted by the state to address impacts, including community impacts, of new onshore and offshore imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) should not be preempted by weaker, less protective Federal laws and regulations. And decisions regarding the importation of LNG should be based on a comprehensive review of current and projected natural gas supply and demand in California and alternative sources or supply.

The foregoing statement of policy is set forth in SB 426, authored by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) and which I have co-authored. It is neutral on the merits of LNG, and simply requires the California Energy Commission to do a study of LNG to assess demand and supply, and to determine the number of LNG terminals, if any, needed to meet the state's projected gas demands. It also establishes a siting process.

SB 426 passed out of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee last week by one vote. I was able to fill in for an absent member and to cast the deciding “aye” vote. It now goes to the Assembly Appropriations Committee before going to the floor for a vote of the full Assembly.

The Utilities and Commerce Committee staff analysis and Committee Chair Lloyd Levine both stated that the Appropriations Committee may consider amending SB 426 to “grandfather in” those projects that are currently being reviewed. With respect to Southern California, this would appear to mean that the Mitsubishi project in Long Beach, and the Cabrillo Port application off the coast from Malibu and Oxnard that is of very serious concern to my constituents, could go forward and would be exempt.

If you believe that amendments that would exempt projects that are already under consideration are contrary to the intent of SB 426, please e-mail Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez ASAP at [Assemblymember.nunez@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.nunez@assembly.ca.gov) and also Appropriations Committee Chair Judy Chu at [Assemblymember.chu@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.chu@assembly.ca.gov) and voice your objection.

Assemblymember Pedro Nava and I recently sent letters to Speaker Nunez in support of SB 426 and opposing any grandfather amendments.

## Fourth of July in the 41<sup>st</sup> AD

For the sixth consecutive year, I enjoyed participating in the Pacific Palisades parade. Other day-long activities included 5K and 10K runs, and a fireworks display at night. Thousands of residents lined the streets, with colorful patriotic decorations, flags being waved, and picnics in front yards. The two-hour parade included horses, wonderful floats, antique cars, “patriotic pooches,” local leaders, the Palisadian-Post’s Citizen of the Year, L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Honorary Mayor Steve Gutenberg, newly-elected City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, youth groups and bands, and much more. A great day.

From the Palisades, I finished up the day at the annual celebration and fireworks display in the City of Calabasas. Great turnout of Calabasas families, along with the Calabasas mayor and councilmembers at Calabasas High School.



## 2-1-1 Launches in Los Angeles County!

Ushering in a new era of better access to social services in Los Angeles County, residents can now call 2-1-1 to find help with the health and social services they need. Like 9-1-1 for emergency calls, 2-1-1 can connect people to emergency food and shelter, support services for seniors and the disabled, childcare, employment assistance, child and adult protective services and legal assistance. This new quick referral service is a partnership between United Way of Greater Los Angeles, which established 2-1-1 LA County more than 26 years ago. By substituting 2-1-1 for the myriad of toll-free and other numbers, Los Angeles County residents benefit by being able to quickly and easily get access to the social and disaster services they need. Los Angeles County joins Ventura County, which launched their service in February 2005, as the 29<sup>th</sup> state to establish this important call center.

## ...And Call 3-9-9 for LA County Roadside Assistance

Motorists traveling along the freeway system in L.A. County can call for non-emergency roadside assistance by dialing 3-9-9 on their cell phones. Callers will be connected to a live operator, who will assist them in obtaining the appropriate service needed. This is an expansion of the freeway call box program, but without having to leave the car. Examples of non-emergency situations that should go to the 3-9-9 operator included running out of gas, a flat tire, or mechanical malfunction of the vehicle when it is out of the freeway travel lanes. This new 3-9-9 number for non-emergencies is expected to reduce the burden on the 9-1-1 system.

## Successful Grant Applications

**CLARE Foundation**, Santa Monica. A \$944,054 emergency housing and assistance loan from the Department of Housing and Community Development to rehab their Women's Recovery Center. This Center will serve as an emergency shelter and transitional housing.

**Hollywood Beach Acquisition Association**, Oxnard. A \$1.9 million conditional loan commitment from the Department of Housing and Community Development to help low-income seniors purchase the lots on which their mobilehomes are located.

**Los Angeles County**. \$25,400 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to help the County Department of Public Works remove approximately 16,500 tires that have been illegally dumped along the County rights-of-way.

## Consumer Scam Workshop Hosted in Tarzana

Our first Consumer Scam Stopper presentation was enthusiastically received by over 75 San Fernando Valley constituents at the Encino-Tarzana Medical Center in Tarzana on July 9. Co-sponsored by the California Contractors State License Board, an outstanding panel of state and federal experts shared critical information on home improvement scams, identity theft, investment and insurance fraud. Free printed materials were distributed, and attendees had the opportunity to have their questions answered one-on-one. Look for more upcoming free presentations on this very important subject in the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District.



Maria Guzman-Kennedy of the Contractors State License Board and Assemblymember Fran Pavley

## Oxnard High student benefits from summer program

I love sending letters of recommendation for deserving young people. One of these was Alma, an outstanding and very impressive 17-year-old student at Oxnard High. Alma wanted to attend the "Women in Politics" program in Sacramento last month. She has sent me a wonderful letter reporting on her week at the program.

"This experience benefited me in so many ways," she says. "Before I attended this program, I had no intention to pursue a career in politics, nor did I see myself playing a role in the political process. Participating in this program has opened my eyes to a new and exciting path that I am now motivated to pursue... I've made great friendships with amazing young women with ambitions, goals, motivation and drive who share similar outlooks on life. Everything this program has given me will benefit me for the rest of my life." I'm thrilled that Alma took so much from this program, and love having had the opportunity to help open a door for her. She's headed for college in the fall.



## Assemblymember Pavley's Committee Assignments

Budget Committee  
Education Committee  
Transportation Committee  
Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee  
Chair, Budget Subcommittee #3 on Resources  
Chair, Select Committee on Air and Water Quality  
Select Committee on Runaway Production  
Select Committee on Ports

Legislative Advisory Committee – Wildlife Conservation Board  
Legislative Advisory Committee – California Coastal Conservancy  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board

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